

State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
October 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Meeting locations:

This meeting was held at:

Videoconferencing:

Delaware Department of Labor
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Pencader Corporate Center
225 Pencader Blvd.
Newark, DE 19702

Delaware Department of Labor
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Blue Hen Corporate Center, Suite 2 H
Dover, DE 19901

SRC Council Members Present:

Lisa Furber – Chair
Monica Edgar
Janie Libby (teleconference)
Dale Matusevich
Mila Wells Hathaway (teleconference)

General Attendees Present:

Sharon Boland – DVR
Ellen Coulston
Alvin Emory
Lisa Frankel
Andrea Guest – DVR
Emmanuel Jenkins
Jocelyn Langrehr – DVR
Robin McKinney-Newman - DOL
Jackie Poquette
Loretta Sarro –DVR
Cindy Sterling
Alexia Wolf

Members Absent:

Clem Coulston

Welcome

Lisa began the meeting at 12:15 p.m. by welcoming the group and thanking everyone for attending. Attendees self-introduced themselves. Lisa announced that the August meeting minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum so she deferred the item.

Director's Report

DVR Update

Andrea noted that the group was not able to work out the combined meeting with the Division for the Visually Impaired at this time and noted it was nice to see everyone. She also noted that she had a meeting with the Governor's office regarding membership appointments and was asked to write a brief paragraph why each person makes a good candidate.

The group reviewed the status of each member as follows:

Janie Libby	Yes, appt letter returned
Jackie Poquette	Application received and sent; pending approval
Alvin Emory	Reapplication sent, pending
Loretta Sarro	Application received and sent; pending approval
Ellen Coulston	Application received and sent; pending approval
Karen DiNardo	Application received and sent; pending approval
Alexia Wolf	Application received and sent; pending approval
Despina Wilson	Application received and sent; pending approval
Robin McKinney-Newman	Gary needs to send letter
Cindy Sterling	Tom Cook; Cindy lives out of state, Tom will be member, Cindy will attend on his behalf
Emmanuel Jenkins	May not need to send in info, Andrea will check
Lisa Furber	Lisa resignation is effective at the end of November, she can reapply
Nicole Barr	Nicole will take Stan Mifflin's place; Jocelyn will oversee Nicole's application process

December Awards Luncheon

Andrea discussed some of the details of the upcoming December DVR SRC Luncheon including that we will have an activity similar to last year's "What does Workplace Inclusion Mean to me" photo booth. Andrea invited members to bring people to the luncheon and asked everyone to send her names of guests. She also discussed the nominations and asked the group for ideas for speakers. State Representative Lisa Rochester was suggested; Andrea will reach out.

Subminimum Wage Bill/Congress

Andrea noted that a subminimum wage bill re: Section 511 bill was coming up in Congress. The legislature gives students access to VR services and an assessment before they leave school and cannot go into a shelter facility without the assessment.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month; we are highlighting this in our social media and also creating a special newsletter.

New Fiscal Year

DVR began a new fiscal year on October 1. In addition, the State has also transitioned to a new data accountability system.

ACT Teams

Andrea discussed that there has been an increase of activities in Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams. DVR is in the process of creating focus groups of ACT Teams with the goal to design a better system, one that can facilitate people moving through it.

Career Pathways

Jocelyn discussed Career Pathways. Career Pathways are a step process to accessing education and building skills within a specific occupation. For example, if a student has a desire to be a Registered Nurse, the place to begin is with Certified Nursing Assistant training. Career Pathways engage students to think about careers. There are currently 14 pathways currently taught in Delaware schools. For a current listing, visit <http://delawarepathways.org/>

Membership

Lisa will follow up on membership applications.

DVR Policy Committee

Lisa noted that the DVR Policy Committee has made several measurable gains and is working on changes that will go to Andrea for approval.

Statewide Needs Assessment

HarrietAnn coordinated the recent needs assessment survey and will have results at the next meeting.

SRC Annual Report

Lisa discussed that the Annual Report is required document and due near the end of the year; she also invited group members to participate in the creation of this document.

NEW SRC Binder

Lisa discussed that she is working with Moni in creating a binder holding critical SRC documents (member list, bylaws, contact info) for new members. The information will also be available on thumb drives.

SPCD

Lisa noted that she is on the State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) Committee, although she does not always have time to attend. She asked if someone is interested in taking her place. Emmanuel expressed interest and will contact Lisa.

National Coalition for SRC Monthly Meeting

Lisa noted the National Coalition for the State Rehabilitation Council has a monthly teleconference meeting and suggested that we attend. She asked for someone to attend the meeting and report back to the group. No one accepted the offer at the meeting.

<http://www.ncsrc.net/>

2017 Transition Conference

DVR's Transition Conference will be December 5 at the Dover Downs Hotel. Ellen Coulston is helping to plan this year's conference with Sandi Miller and Dale Matusevich. There is an adult strand as well as a student strand; Ellen and her son as well as another mother and son are the keynote speakers. The flyer and more documents will be sent out to the group for distribution.

LIFE Conference

The LIFE Conference is January 24 at the Dover Downs Hotel.

ServiceSource Luncheon

Cindy stated that the ServiceSource annual luncheon was coming up – it was a free event and welcomed everyone to attend. She would send the information out; people would just need to RSVP.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings: February 12, April 9, June 11, August 13, October 8, December 10

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